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Timely Tidbits ...

Candidates Respond to Questionnaires

Romulus residents planning to vote in the September 13 Primary Election won't want to miss our next issue, which will feature questionnaire responses from candidates vying for Treasurer and City Council. Be sure to watch for it on Friday, September 9.

Tax Symposium

Interested residents are invited to attend a Tax Symposium that Romulus Community Schools superintendent Joel R. Carr and Business and Operations director William Routhier will host in the media center at Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road) at 6:30 p.m. on October 3.

The meeting is being held on the first Monday after Student Count Day (September 28) to give administrators a chance to calculate the amount of revenue that the district will receive from the State of Michigan in per-pupil funds.

"We will know our State funding level and Student Count Day numbers by October 3, and will be able to present an accurate assessment of the district's financial status at this meeting," explained Carr. "We hope to receive at least the same State funding as the past three years, and possibly more, but State revenues went down in July. We just have to wait and see exactly what the Legislature will decide to do with school funding for the 2005-2006 school year."

Volunteers Needed

Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth is looking for volunteers to help with the third annual Bingo Fund-raiser for the Romulus Animal Shelter.

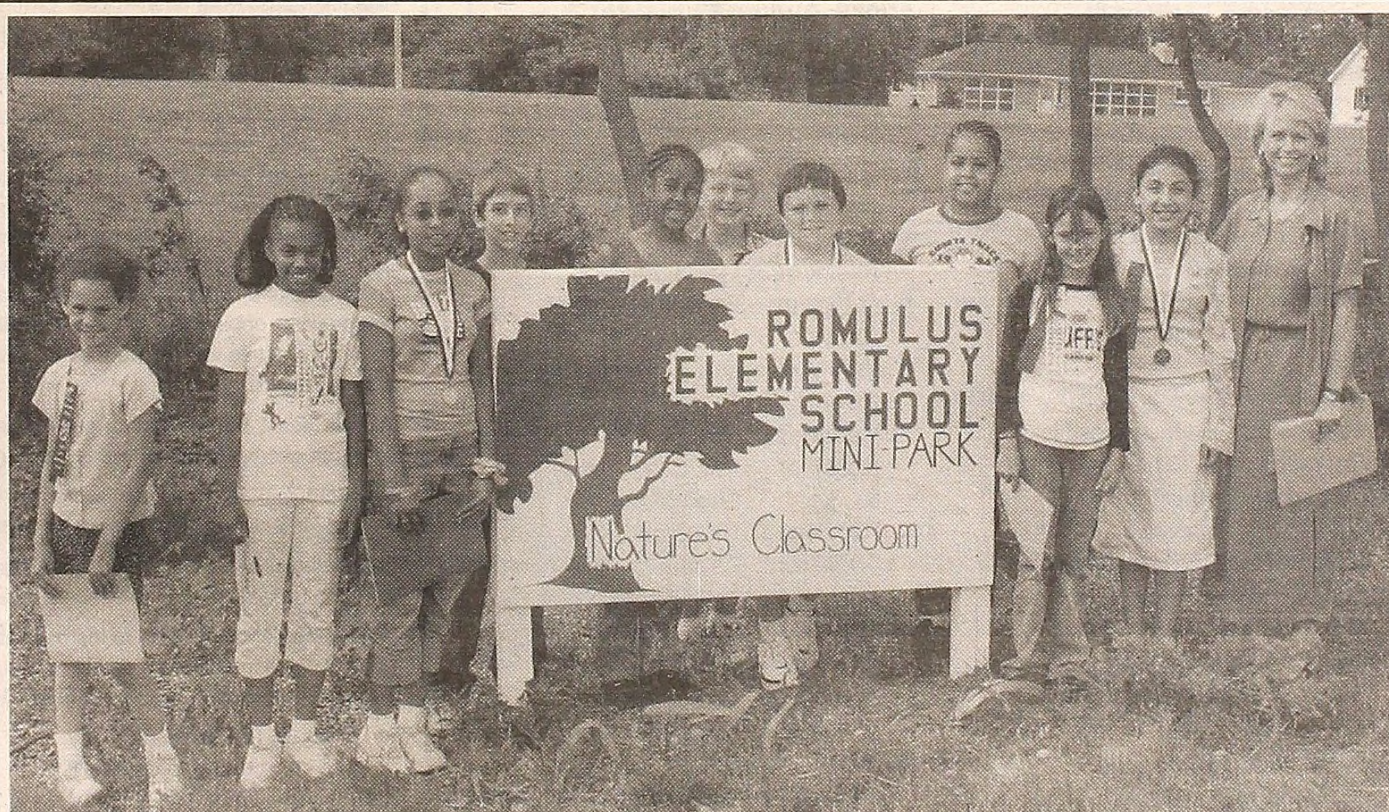
The event will be held in the new Romulus Senior Center (corner of Bibbins and Shook) during the Pumpkin Festival (September 16-18) according to the following schedule: Friday, 4 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, noon to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

For more info, or to volunteer, call Wadsworth at 734-941-0616.

All-A Students Excel At District's "A" Schools



Wick Elementary principal Debbie Juriga (back, right) – proud of the fact that her school was one of two Romulus Community Schools that earned an "A" on the most recent State of Michigan Education YES! report card – celebrated the achievement by gathering some of the school's all-A students for a photo opportunity. The young scholars included: (from left) front – Simone Singal, Jeremy Horne, Cierra Gasser, Chelsea Shellman, and Jillian Camilleri; back – Diamond Chandler, Carman Plank, Levi Eddings, and Mariah Hemmingway.



Lynne Mossoian (right), principal of the district's other "A" school, proudly posed with some of Romulus Elementary's all-A students: (from left) Samantha Blansett, Keli Boyd, Symone Martin, Joshua Kahn, Kayla Patterson, Fred McAnally, Steven Nemeth, Jayne McClellan, Katrina Eller, and Desiree Kassa.

The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Bryan Cozzaglio for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity during the period of Monday, August 8, through Sunday, August 21.

(Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Monday, August 8

- 12:11 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:43 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35700 Park Pl.)
- 6:01 a.m. – Larceny (block of 37600 Northline)
- 7:20 a.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 29000 Airport Dr.)
- 1:10 p.m. – Larceny (block of 29100 Airport Dr.)
- 1:17 p.m. – Property Damage/ Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 7010 Middlebelt)
- 1:27 p.m. – Larceny (block of 28900 Goddard)
- 3:36 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 4:08 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 35500 Margaret)
- 6:29 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/ Runaway (JC/R) (block of 30200 Cherry)
- 9:30 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 39100 Montana)
- 11:48 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28500 Van Born)

Tuesday, August 9

- 1:36 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9300 Middlebelt)
- 1:54 a.m. – Larceny (block of 35200 Michelle)
- 2:25 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30000 Spain)
- 5:42 p.m. – JC/R (block of 10700 Middlebelt)
- 9:18 p.m. – Explosion (block of 36300 Van Born)
- 10:42 p.m. – Family Trouble (reported at RPD headquarters)

Wednesday, August 10

- 8:21 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28800 Pennsylvania)
- 9:25 a.m. – Larceny (block of 29000 Airport Dr.)
- 10:37 a.m. – UDAA (block of 15800 Middlebelt)
- 11:17 a.m. – B&E (block of 30800 Henry Ruff)
- 11:59 a.m. – Rescue (block of 6790 Homefield)
- 2:56 p.m. – Missing Person (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:07 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 36400 Goddard)

- 3:23 p.m. – Family Trouble (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:31 p.m. – JC/R (block of 30100 Halecreek)
- 5:16 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 5910 Newberry)
- 7:12 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 10:00 p.m. – Bomb Threat (block of 9270 Middlebelt)
- 11:12 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30400 Eureka)
- 11:26 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 6100 Colorado)
- 11:51 p.m. – B&E (block of 30500 Redwood)

Thursday, August 11

- 1:06 a.m. – Threats (block of 38600 Superior)
- 3:30 a.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:42 a.m. – Overdose (block of 9500 Middlebelt)
- 11:19 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6080 Edmund)
- 2:19 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 8960 Inkster)
- 6:07 p.m. – JC/R (block of 28500 Halecreek)
- 7:33 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 10000 Middlebelt)
- 9:00 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35500 Ronald)
- 11:26 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6750 Merriman)
- 11:58 p.m. – Threats (block of 27700 Newcastle)

Friday, August 12

- 2:19 a.m. – B&E (block of 7190 Washington)
- 3:04 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 16000 Hannan)
- 9:47 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9450 Wayne)
- 1:36 p.m. – B&E (block of 36100 Bibbins)
- 4:16 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 35100 Lynn)
- 7:19 p.m. – Drug-related Activity/ Investigation (Violation of Public Health Code, or VPHC) (block of 16400 Oak Tree)
- 8:38 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 15100 Brandt)
- 10:38 p.m. – Death Investigation (block of 36800 Ecorse)
- 11:10 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 11000 Delano)
- 11:35 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 9460 Biddle)

Saturday, August 13

- 12:36 a.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 8900 Merriman)
- 12:51 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15000 Hilway)

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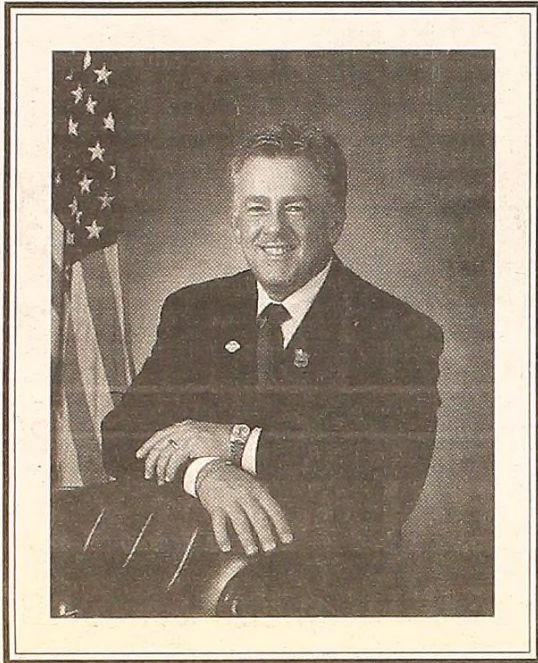
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I would like to thank all the residents, firefighters, police officers, emergency management staff, volunteers, and local businesses for your incredible efforts and charity during the EQ chemical recovery plant explosion on August 9.

Your generosity, kindness, and tireless hard work are appreciated and applauded by all of Romulus.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart. Your actions in the face of tragedy make me proud to be the mayor of this great city.

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Guest Commentary

Mayor Lambert Expresses Pride, Thanks

By Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert

There is only one word that sums up my feelings about this incredible town and its residents, and that is PRIDE.

On August 9 at 9:18 p.m., a huge explosion and fireball at the EQ Chemical Recovery plant on Van Born Road jolted residents out of bed and to their windows and yards.

Within minutes of the explosion, our emergency management team, Public Safety Director Charles Kirby, Fire Chief David Allison, and I were on the scene to assess the situation and determine the best course of action to protect our residents, and also to make preparations for possible eventualities and provide current information from the site. Emergency Management Director Margaret Leduc was hard at work, as well, coordinating response efforts between various agencies.

The extensive media coverage soon focused attention on our city and its response to the crisis. I was PROUD of our staff, who functioned efficiently and admirably under extreme pressure, and I was also filled with PRIDE and admiration for residents who were evacuated

from their homes and directed to Romulus High School, where preparations were already underway for their safety. Despite their fear and uncertainty, our residents were orderly and appreciative of the prompt accommodations.

Throughout the night, our residents met the crisis with generosity and concern, as countless numbers of volunteers gathered at the high school to help in anyway they could. I always knew our community was filled with the most selfless and charitable of people, but on this night, the big, generous heart of Romulus was on display for thousands to see. And I was PROUD.

My PRIDE and admiration increased throughout the night, as explosions and fireballs lit the skies and shook the earth. I was PROUD of the tireless efforts of our firefighters, who made sure the perimeters were not ablaze and the fire was not spreading. The outstanding professionalism of our police and fire departments earned praise from emergency-response persons assigned to the scene, who commented on how well equipped and trained our response people are.

I extend my profound thanks to all who came out to help, including the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Meijer (Belleville), Tim Hortons (Belleville), Doubletree Hotel, Comfort Inn, Clarion Inn, Applebee's (Belleville), US Park, GM Powertrain, Jamie's Polka Dots, CERT, WDVD 96.3FM, and others who reacted with charity and kindness. Our community is forever indebted to you. Again, you made us PROUD.

Romulus is a great community: a community that stands up and does whatever is necessary in a time of need, a community that serves as an example of what it means to be a good neighbor. I am PROUD to be the mayor of this city – but, more importantly, I am PROUD to call all of you my friends and neighbors.

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RESA Honors 5 Educators from Romulus Community Schools

The Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency (RESA) recently recognized five Romulus Community Schools educators for their outstanding teaching and support staff work. The annual awards program, held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dearborn, was sponsored by the RESA Board of Education, RESA staff, and the Ford Motor Company.

Gerilynn Kline, a fifth-grade teacher at Barth Elementary School, was honored as the RESA Elementary Teacher of the Year. Kline, who was the coordinator of Barth's Blue Ribbon Committee, led her school to the state's prestigious Blue Ribbon Award – the first such award ever earned by a Romulus school. Kline also played a major part in helping Barth win two \$50,000 Golden Apple awards from the State of Michigan, and additionally worked on her school's "No Bullying" program, which won a Michigan Association of School Boards Award for Excellence.

She will become the new learning specialist at Barth this fall.

Monica Lewis, a language-arts teacher at Romulus High School, was honored as a RESA High School Teacher of the Year finalist. She was recognized for her outstanding work with the RHS Drama Club, and was also praised for contributions to the school's Senior Project, which requires each student to make a PowerPoint presentation about an extensive community-service project of his/her choice. Her Senior Project



Bill Baum, a physical-education teacher at Romulus Elementary, was honored by WC RESA in the Professional Staff category.

work also drew accolades from MASB.

Bill Baum, the physical-education teacher at Romulus Elementary, was honored in the Auxiliary Professional Staff category for his outstanding dedication to the school's physical-education program.

RES principal Lynne Mossoian said, "Bill is a real team player who works very hard on extra projects for his students. He organizes special after-school basketball programs every year, supervises the 'Jump for Heart' program, and plans our art, music, and physical-education schedule."



ShaVonna Johnson, fourth-grade teacher at Wick Elementary, was recognized in RESA's Rookie of the Year category.

Baum is also a leader on the Elementary Special Scheduling Committee.

ShaVonna Johnson, a fourth-grade teacher at Wick Elementary, received the Rookie of the Year Award, which honors educators in their first five years of teaching. Johnson had an amazing 100% of her fourth-grade students pass the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) math test during the past school year (a first for a Romulus teacher) and also had 93% of her students pass the MEAP's English Language Arts (ELA) reading/writing test.

Wick principal Debbie Juriga said, "ShaVonna is an excellent teacher who prepares herself and her class to the



Jennifer Madison, a media tech at Merriman Elementary, received recognition in RESA's Outstanding Support Staff category.

very best of her ability. She knows how to get the best out of all her students, and is very proud of their achievements."

Jennifer Madison, the media technologist at Merriman Elementary, was honored in the Outstanding Support Staff category.

Principal Shellie Moore praised Madison for the many excellent video presentations she developed for Merriman students and staff, saying, "She has a special talent for designing her programs, and uses it to make people happy and make Merriman a better school."

Madison also helps her students with Media Center projects throughout the school year. □

Board Affirms Meeting Schedule

After considering some residents' suggestion for a change in its meeting schedule, the Romulus Board of Education chose to reaffirm its long-standing policy of convening on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The residents asked Board members to entertain a change because the 6:30 p.m. meetings often overlap Romulus City Council meetings, which are held every first, second, and fourth Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Dick Kruse, Public Relations director for the Romulus Community Schools, explained the decision.

"Romulus Board of Education members, who are among the most active in Michigan, decided to retain the Monday meeting day because they are involved in numerous school activities Tuesday through Saturday," said Kruse. "Board members spend many hours coaching Little League teams, working with booster organizations, helping at concession stands, and attending concerts, athletic events, awards programs, and school parent group meetings."

"The Board also decided to retain the 6:30 p.m. meeting time," he continued. "Board member committees meet before the formal Monday Board meetings, and usually start at 5:30 p.m. This schedule allows Board members just enough time to travel to Romulus from their workplace."

The remainder of the 2005–2006 meeting schedule follows:

- September 12, 2005
- September 26, 2005
- October 10, 2005
- October 24, 2005
- November 14, 2005
- November 28, 2005
- December 12, 2005
- January 9, 2006
- January 23, 2006
- February 13, 2006
- March 13, 2006
- March 27, 2006
- April 10, 2006
- April 24, 2006
- May 8, 2006
- May 22, 2006
- June 12, 2006
- June 26, 2006 □



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Fifth-grade teacher Gerilynn Kline at Barth Elementary School was RESA's Elementary Teacher of the Year.

The Police Blotter

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- 1:15 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 1:28 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15600 Orchard)
- 3:09 a.m. – Loitering (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 3:44 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6340 Heyer)
- 4:07 a.m. – B&E (block of 10300 Sterling)
- 4:17 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 30500 Redwood)
- 6:26 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 7020 Ranger)
- 8:20 a.m. – B&E (block of 5920 Chamberlain)
- 4:26 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 16200 Eastwind)
- 4:55 p.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 5:59 p.m. – Threats (block of 8400 Wayne)
- 6:19 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6950 Niagara)
- 9:02 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 13500 Aston)

Sunday, August 14

- 1:03 a.m. – JC/R (block of 13500 Huron River Dr.)
- 1:43 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 2:27 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30400 Teak Ln.)
- 6:51 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 7:10 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9420 Essex)
- 7:57 a.m. – Larceny (block of 35800 Herman)
- 5:45 p.m. – JC/R (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 5:59 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6360 Colorado)
- 6:12 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8280 Wayne)
- 8:23 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 16000 Hannan)
- 8:44 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35500 N. Alexander)
- 9:11 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 29200 Joan)
- 9:55 p.m. – B&E (block of 38100 Wabash)
- 10:40 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 10:56 p.m. – B&E (block of 6200 Irma)
- 11:50 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)

Monday, August 15

- 7:07 a.m. – Larceny (block of 34100 McBride)
- 7:41 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30700 Cypress)
- 11:12 a.m. – Trespassing (block of 7770 Merriman)
- 12:16 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 29000 Whitby Dr.)

- 12:19 p.m. – VPHC (block of 6780 Birchdale)
- 12:19 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5920 Chamberlain)
- 1:09 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28400 Greenvew)
- 2:06 p.m. – Threats (block of 7770 Merriman)
- 3:39 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 29900 Goddard)
- 4:06 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 9860 Middlebelt)
- 4:18 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 28400 Halecreek)
- 4:24 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6000 W. Maple)
- 5:32 p.m. – Larceny (block of 31000 Van Born)
- 5:59 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 15000 Brookway)
- 9:40 p.m. – A&B (block of 30600 Redwood)
- 11:12 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6010 W. Maple)
- 11:13 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6040 Dexter)
- 11:24 p.m. – B&E (block of 7050 Niagara)

Tuesday, August 16

- 1:30 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:21 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:03 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 9210 Wayne)
- 2:09 p.m. – Larceny (block of 28200 Wick)
- 3:28 p.m. – A&B (block of 36100 Bibbins)
- 3:40 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6740 Merriman)
- 5:16 p.m. – Threats (block of 15000 Harrison)
- 6:31 p.m. – Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 11300 Hunt)
- 8:49 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 13000 Cogswell)
- 10:22 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 16200 Oakbrook)
- 11:02 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 34400 Beverly)

Wednesday, August 17

- 2:04 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9500 Middlebelt)
- 9:39 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35500 Margaret)
- 10:32 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 37400 Huron River Dr.)
- 12:20 p.m. – B&E (block of 28300 Beverly)
- 2:58 p.m. – JC/R (block of 38400 Ecorse)
- 6:28 p.m. – Larceny (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 6:33 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 7:22 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:32 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15100 Mountain Way)

- 8:53 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 11:16 p.m. – A&B (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 11:50 p.m. – Rescue (block of 6960 Niagara)

Thursday, August 18

- 12:05 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35200 Michelle)
- 1:34 a.m. – Rescue (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 2:21 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 5:48 a.m. – UDAA (block of 13100 Harrison)
- 8:24 a.m. – Larceny (block of 33900 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 9:46 a.m. – Kidnapping (block of 15500 Colbert)
- 2:12 p.m. – Dumping/Littering (block of 9410 Washington)
- 2:50 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 5:13 p.m. – B&E (block of 30700 Eureka)
- 6:24 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9950 Wayne)

Friday, August 19

- 12:32 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 5890 Georgia)
- 3:47 a.m. – B&E (block of 8280 Wayne)
- 11:04 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 5890 Georgia)
- 11:13 a.m. – Robbery (block of 37400 Ecorse)
- 11:41 a.m. – VPHC (block of 6030 Fourth)
- 12:29 p.m. – B&E (block of 15000 Streamway)
- 6:28 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9710 Marc)
- 10:41 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 28400 Greenvew)
- 11:27 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15700 Isabelle)
- 11:54 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 39000 Wade)

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Saturday, August 20

- 12:26 a.m. – JC/R (block of 28400 Eureka)
- 12:31 a.m. – B&E (block of 35000 Michelle)
- 1:58 p.m. – Vagrancy (block of 5800 Middlebelt)
- 2:26 a.m. – B&E (block of 5840 Metro)
- 3:21 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 7080 Niagara)
- 3:51 a.m. – JC/R (block of 31800 Smith)
- 7:18 a.m. – UDAA (block of 30600 Flynn Dr.)
- 6:30 p.m. – VPHC (block of 15200 Harrison)
- 6:50 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6380 Cogswell)
- 7:06 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 35300 Eureka)
- 10:15 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 11200 Whitehorn)

Sunday, August 21

- 1:11 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 9440 Biddle)
- 4:57 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8400 Wayne)
- 8:04 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9710 Marc)
- 8:54 p.m. – A&B (block of 35600 Ronald)
- 11:28 p.m. – B&E (block of 29100 Leroy) □

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Romulus School District Welcomes 22 New Teachers



New teachers attending the Romulus Community Schools' orientation program included (from left) Karen Isaacson, Shannon Collum, Amy Walkowiak, Erin Darichuk, Kristin Duncan, and Kevin Wine.

The Romulus Community Schools recently announced the hiring of 22 new teachers for the 2005–2006 school year. Human Resources director Ed Clark welcomed the group during a special orientation session held at the district's administrative offices on August 12.

Clark introduced Board of Education members, administrators, and other staff members to the new teachers before discussing district procedures with them. Tom Dolan, director of the Curriculum Department, was on hand to greet the new teachers and give a basic outline of the information he planned to cover during the teachers' upcoming in-service workshop. Board president April Frayer, vice-president Celeste Roscoe, and trustee Betty Lenossi also welcomed the group to Romulus, as did Adult and Community Education director William Musham and Athletics Department director Mark Woodson.

District principals joined the group for lunch, which was followed by an hour-long tour conducted by Dick Kruse, Public Relations director. Kruse took the new teachers all around Romulus, pointing out the city's new subdivisions and more established neighborhoods as well as various district facilities, and touching on local history highlights.

The orientation session concluded with a presentation from Romulus Education Association president Jason Salhaney and a question-and-answer session chaired by Human Resources director Clark.



Executive secretaries in the district's administrative offices – (back, from left) Chris Harris, Robin Omei, Louise Briody, and Cindy Bennett – welcomed new teachers (front, from left) Melika Dixon, Kathleen Badalamenti, Stephanie Wagle, and Megan Harrison.

The new teachers are:

- Kathleen Badalamenti (second-grade teacher at Romulus Elementary)
- Josh Baker (social-studies teacher at Romulus Middle School)

- Shannon Collum (language-arts teacher at Romulus High School)
- Sean Dailor (math/biology teacher at Romulus High School)
- Sarah Daniels (first-grade teacher at Merriman Elementary)

teacher at Halecreek Elementary)

- Robyn Golden (psychology/history teacher at Romulus High School)
- Monica Harris (first-grade teacher at Cory Elementary)
- Megan Harrison (third-grade teacher at Romulus Elementary)
- Tammy Hartley (third-grade teacher at Cory Elementary)
- Karen Isaacson (special-education teacher at Romulus High School)
- Nakia Plummer (fifth-grade teacher at Romulus Elementary)
- Paquita Simmons (first-grade teacher at Cory Elementary)
- Jay Schmitt (math teacher at Romulus High School)
- Jessika Sorg (language-arts teacher at Romulus Middle School)
- Shanda Theis (art teacher at Romulus Middle School/Romulus High School)
- Stephanie Wagle (first-grade teacher at Barth Elementary)
- Amy Walkowiak (Resource Room teacher at Merriman Elementary)
- Lisa Willerick (life-management teacher at Romulus High School)
- Kevin Wine (multimedia teacher at Romulus Middle School/Romulus High School)

A warm welcome to all. □



District administrators and Board of Education members who joined the new teachers for lunch during the orientation program included: (from left) front – Board vice-president Celeste Roscoe, president April Frayer, and trustee Cheryl Buckley; back – Romulus Middle School principal Phyllis Adkins, Board trustee Thomas Kuderik, Department of Special Services director Jeffery Royal, Romulus High School principal Dan Hurst, and Barth Elementary principal Diane Golka.



Other new teachers who attended the recent orientation included (from left) Jessika Sorg, Sean Dailor, Lisa Willerick, Tammy Hartley, and Shanda Theis.



Also on hand to welcome new teachers like Jay Schmitt (back, second from left), Josh Baker (back, right), and (front, from left) Monica Harris, Robyn Golden, Paquita Simmons, Sarah Daniels, and Nakia Plummer were a number of other district officials, including (back, from left) Board of Education trustee Betty Lenossi, Curriculum Department director Tom Dolan, Human Resources director Ed Clark, and Athletics Department director Mark Woodson.

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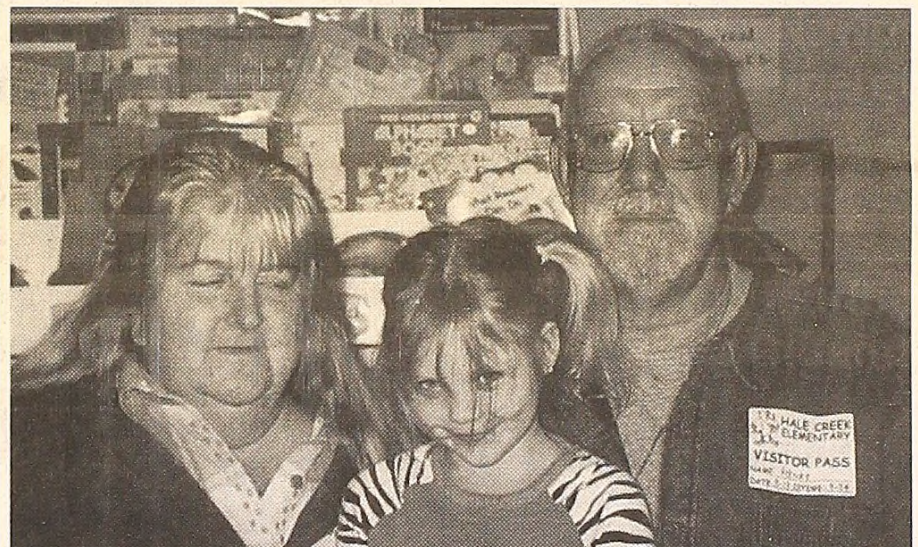
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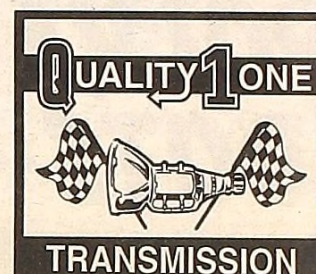
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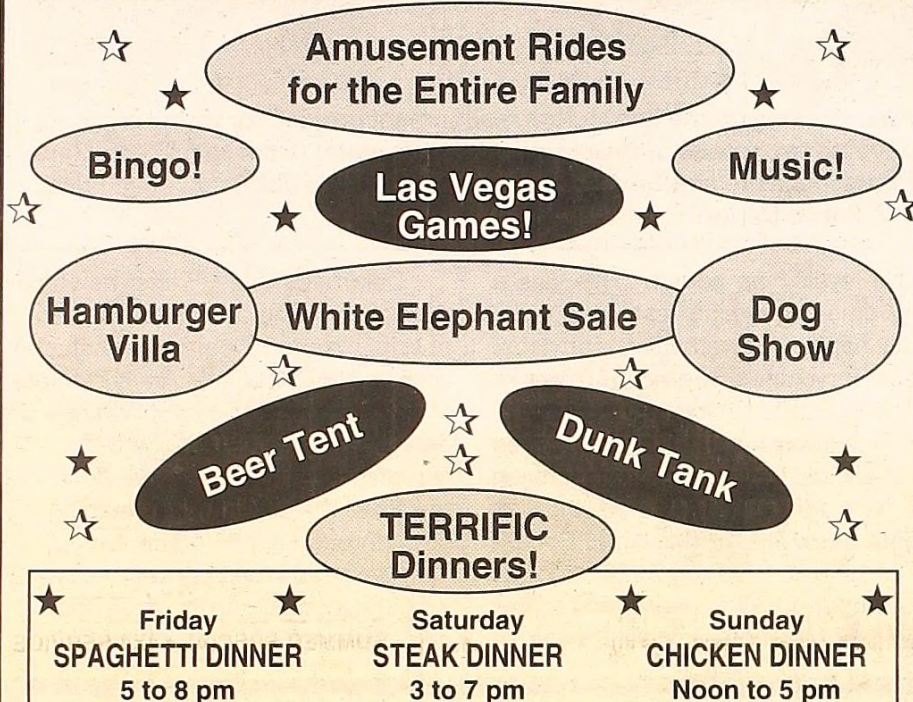
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Everyone Welcome at St. Aloysius Fest

Continued sweltering weather may make it hard to believe, but it's true: the end of summer is near. Fortunately, Romulus-area residents can finish the season off with a bang by attending the 55th annual St. Aloysius Festival.

Everyone is invited to take part in this "local institution," which will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church on Friday, August 26, from 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, August 27, from 1 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday, August 28, from 12 to 7 p.m. (See the advertisement at left for directions to the festival site.)

Highlights will include:

Las Vegas Tent To Feature Texas Hold 'Em

For many festival-goers, one of the biggest attractions is the Las Vegas Tent, where adults (age 18 and older) can try their luck at games of chance like the wildly popular Texas Hold 'Em as well as 7-card Stud and Black Jack.

The Las Vegas Tent will be open throughout the festival.

Bingo!

For diehard bingo fans, a festival just isn't a festival without a chance to indulge in their favorite pastime - and, luckily for them, the St. Aloysius Festival will again feature play throughout the entire weekend. Cards for the 50/50 games (half the income collected from each game is used for prize money) are two for a quarter per game.

Raffles

Of course, the easiest way to try your luck is to invest in raffle tickets. Ticket-buyers can choose between the 50/50 Hourly Raffle (tickets - \$1 each or 6 for \$5; cash prizes equal half the money garnered from each hour's sales) or the Grand Raffle (tickets - \$1 each or 6 for \$5; three large prizes - \$5,000, \$1,000, and \$500).

Better yet, since the proceeds from all raffles benefit the St. Aloysius General Fund, why not buy plenty of each?

Carnival Rides

What's a festival without rides? Fortunately, the St. Aloysius Festival will offer enough of them to satisfy your kids' biggest carnival cravings. Among this year's attractions will be the Ferris wheel, Tilt-a-Whirl, Scrambler, and Heart.

"Armband" tickets, which allow patrons to ride as many rides as they wish during a certain time period for one low price, may be purchased in advance (\$10 each) at the rectory office, after Sunday masses (10 a.m. and 12 p.m.), at Dave's & Company Barber Shop & Hair Salon (37148 Goddard Road), or at Blue Sky Ice Cream & Hamburgers (15155 South Huron River Drive). The tickets will also be available at the festival for \$15 each.

Scheduled "armband" periods are:

- Friday from 6 to 11 p.m.
- Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.
- Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m.
- Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

Dog Show

New this year will be a dog show, scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. sharp. Advance sign-up is encouraged, but not required. To register, please call Gloria (734-941-5848) or stop by the Grand Raffle booth on Friday evening. Registration fee is \$5 per dog for up to three competition categories, or \$10 for all ten. Categories will include: Most EARS-resistant, Best Wag, Best Trick, Most Obedient, Best Smile, Best Kisser, Best Eyes, Best Dressed, Most Vocal, and "Most Look-alike" (strongest resemblance between dog and owner).

All dogs must be leashed or crated, and owners are required to clean up after their pets. St. Aloysius does not assume any liability in the event of an accident or other misfortune involving dogs, their owners, or spectators.

Entertainment

Music will again be the backbone of the entertainment at the festival. Among the scheduled performers:

- **The Other Guys** (Friday, 7 to 11 p.m.)
- **Golden Oldies DJ** (Saturday, 1:30 to 5 p.m.)
- **Channel 6** (Saturday, 7 to 11 p.m.)
- **Misty Blues** (all day Sunday beginning with an 11 a.m. Polka Mass)

Other entertainment offerings will include a **Horseshoe Tournament** (Saturday from 3 p.m. until dusk and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.; preregister by calling 734-941-5848), a **Classic Car Show** (Saturday; registration begins at 10 a.m.), a **Dunk Tank** (open throughout the festival), and a **Games/Arcade Area** (open throughout the festival).

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Tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner are \$6 for adults/\$3 for children 10 and under; Steak Fry tickets are \$8 each; and Chicken Dinner tickets are \$8 for adults/\$4 for children.

For more "traditional" carnival fare, stop by **Hamburger Villa** for hamburgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, pizza, chips, coffee, pop, and other refreshments.

... and Drink

This year's **Spirit Tent** will serve chips, pretzels, pop, and nonalcoholic "beer" in addition to wine, wine coolers, and beer by the pitcher and the cup.

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Teachers Work on Curriculum Project During Summer Break



Romulus Community Schools elementary teachers who worked on the curriculum realignment project included: (from left) front – Gerilynn Kline, Karenza Fitch, Lewis Smith, Tavia Redmond, and Julie Hirschert; back – Jennifer Richard, Ruthanne Lhiva, Simona Miller, and Rob Baty.

A dedicated group of Romulus Community Schools teachers spent two weeks working on a special project this summer. The goal of the project, said Curriculum Department director Tom Dolan, was to align the district's curriculum with new State mandates resulting from the "No Child Left Behind" laws.

"Previously, the State mandated that we teach state benchmarks during grade-level periods such as kindergarten through third grade or fourth through

sixth grade," Dolan explained. "Now, the new State mandate requires that we teach the benchmarks at specific grade levels, and basically tells us what we have to teach at each grade level. The mandate also specifies that certain subjects be taught at lower grade levels than previously required."

"We had to reorganize our own curriculum to match the new State mandates and devise strategies for introducing the required subjects at the earlier



Also working on the curriculum realignment project, for which teachers gave up two weeks of their summer break, were: (from left) front – Sara Schiappacasse and David Pelc; back – ShaVonna Johnson, Julie Forth, and Sarah Carter.

grade levels," he added. "This was a very time-consuming task, and I am really happy that we had so many staff members volunteer to give up two weeks of their vacation to work on the project."

Dolan continued, "We were required to accomplish this because Michigan will be starting the new third- through eighth-grade MEAP [Michigan Educational Assessment Program] testing this fall. Students will have only four to five weeks before they take the new tests."

Dolan also noted, "These new third-through eighth-grade tests will make it possible to check year-by-year student achievement. 'Adequate Yearly Progress' for each elementary school will now be determined by averaging third- through fifth-grade scores, and the middle school results will be attained by averaging the sixth- through eighth-grade scores."

"We will do the very best we can to prepare our students for these rigorous new challenges," he concluded. □

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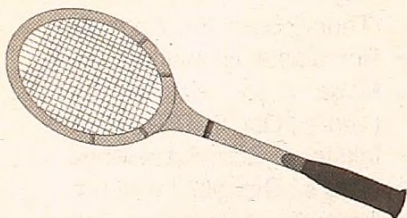


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Mega Blue Division

- Romulus at Annapolis (Dearborn Heights) – Mega (Mon., Aug. 22, 4 p.m.; results unknown at press time)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Aug. 24, 4 p.m.; results unknown at press time)
- Romulus at Truman (Taylor) (Fri., Aug. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Dexter Invitational (Sat., Aug. 27, 8 a.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Dearborn Heights) – Mega (Mon., Aug. 29, 4 p.m.)
- Redford Union at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Aug. 31, 4 p.m.)
- Crestwood (Dearborn Heights) at Romulus – Mega (Fri., Sept. 9, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park – Mega (Mon., Sept. 12, 4 p.m.)
- Annapolis (Dearborn Heights) at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Sept. 14, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti – Mega (Fri., Sept. 16, 4 p.m.)
- Robichaud (Dearborn Heights) at Romulus – Mega (Mon., Sept. 19, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Redford Union – Mega (Wed., Sept. 21, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Crestwood (Dearborn Heights) – Mega (Mon., Sept. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Sept. 28, 4 p.m.)
- Kennedy (Taylor) at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 30, 4 p.m.)



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RHS Girls' Basketball

Mega Red Division – V/JV

- Romulus at Lincoln (Ypsilanti) (Tues., Aug. 30, 5:30 p.m.)
- Wayne Memorial at Romulus (Tues., Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus vs. Grandville (@ Loy Norrix, Kalamazoo) (V) (Fri., Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.)
- Romulus vs. TBD (@ Loy Norrix, Kalamazoo) (V) (Sat., Sept. 17, TBD)
- Romulus vs. TBD (@ Loy Norrix, Kalamazoo) (JV) (Sat., Sept. 17, TBD)
- Hamady (Flint) at Romulus (Tues., Sept. 20, 5:30 p.m.)
- Huron (Ann Arbor) at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 22, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Taylor) (Tues., Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m.)
- Wyandotte at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Sept. 29, 5:30 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus – Mega (Tues., Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe – Mega (Thurs., Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus – Mega (Tues., Oct. 11, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Southgate – Mega (Thurs., Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park – Mega (Tues., Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti – Mega (Thurs., Oct. 20, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wyandotte – Mega (Tues., Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster – Mega (Thurs., Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus – Mega (Tues., Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville – Mega (Thurs., Nov. 3, 5:30 p.m.)
- Southgate at Romulus – Mega (Tues., Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Nov. 10, 5:30 p.m.)

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Leaders Seek To Serve Up Success



Kathleen Forrest (left), coach of Romulus High School's Lady Eagles tennis team, was proud to introduce her top players for the 2005 season: (from left) Aurielle McCauley, Jennifer Logan, Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, and Jennifer Hunter.

Shooting for Another Slam-dunk Season



Looking to repeat the success of last year's district champion girls' basketball team will be new head coach Candice Finley (back, third from left) and her Romulus High School Lady Eagles varsity squad: (from left) front – Tiara Grandison, Katie Appel, Chelsea Earby, Amanda Collins, and Yetunde Emanuel; back – Erika Wasson, Alysa Long, Landria Buckley, Jasmine Charles, Akara Stovall, and Jasmine Brown.

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Community Calendar

- **RHS Class of 1975 Plans 30-year Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1975 will hold its 30-year Reunion on Saturday, September 24, at Lyskawa VFW Hall (Dearborn Heights). For more information, contact Peggy (Stears) Staten (call 734-941-7464 or e-mail pstaten75@yahoo.com).
- **Belleville Art Colony** – On Friday, August 26, from 4 to 8 p.m., the Belleville Area Council for the Arts will host its final Belleville Art Colony program in the 4th Street Square. Professional and nonprofessional artists are welcome to participate. Call 734-697-7151 for more information.
- **Childhood Immunization Clinics Offered** – Oakwood Healthcare System is offering free childhood immunization clinics (Dtap, Hib, Polio/IPV, MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis B, Pneumococcal Conjugate/PCV, and Td) on four different dates: Saturday, **August 27**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Surgical Center Main Lobby (east entrance) at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (33155 Annapolis Avenue, Wayne); Monday, **August 29**, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Medical Office Building (first floor, outpatient radiology suite) of the Oakwood Southshore Medical Center (5450 Fort Street, Trenton); Wednesday, **August 31**, in the Atrium (near the Outpatient Pharmacy) of Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center (18101 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn); and Wednesday, **September 7**, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Main Lobby of Oakwood Heritage Hospital (10000 Telegraph Road, Taylor). To be eligible for the immunizations, a child must either be enrolled in Medicaid; have no health insurance; be enrolled in a health plan that does not cover immunizations; or be an American Indian. Parents *must* bring their child(ren)'s immunization records to the clinics. For information, call Lisa Rutledge (313-586-5492).
- **GED Test Registration** – The Romulus Community Schools Adult Education Department is still accepting applications for its next GED Test, which will be administered at the Mt. Pleasant Center (39000 Superior) on Tuesday, September 6, and Wednesday, September 7, from 4:45 to 10 p.m. Fee for the test is \$100. To register for the GED test, or to sign up for GED or high-school completion classes, stop in the Adult Education office weekdays between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Evening registration hours will be available beginning September 6. Call 734-532-1953 for details.
- **Lifelong Learning & Recreation** – The Romulus Community Education Department is offering a variety of lifelong learning and recreation classes beginning this fall. For more information about classes such as "Exotic Dance Workout," "Fitness Rx Women's Boot Camp," "Hip-hop Dance Workout for Kids Ages 5-13," "Hypnotherapy to Stop Smoking and Start Living," and "Puppy Kindergarten," check the department's most recent brochure, which was mailed to all Romulus households earlier this month, and is also available at the Mt. Pleasant Center (39000 Superior), Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road), and the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road). For more information, call 734-532-1953.
- **Kindergarten Enrollment Now Open** – Romulus Community Schools continues to accept enrollment for its all-day/every-day and half-day/every-day kindergarten programs for the 2005-2006 school year. Children who will be five years old as of December 1, 2005, are eligible. For more information, contact the district's administrative office (734-941-1600) or your neighborhood elementary school.
- **Head Start Now Accepting Registrations** – Romulus Head Start (located in the Burton Center at 35408 Beverly Road) is still accepting registrations for the 2005-2006 school year. Parents of children who will be 3 years old on or before December 1, 2005, and who meet various other requirements (call 734-532-1900 for details), may register. The following materials should be brought to registration: the child's birth certificate, child's and parent's Social Security cards, child's immunization records, child's doctors' names/addresses, parent's proof of residency (valid driver's license or state ID), family's health insurance card(s), parent's proof of employment, and income proofs such as W-2 or 1040 forms or FIA/TANF breakdowns. Please allow at least one hour to complete the registration process.
- **Open Arms Lutheran Church** – Open Arms Lutheran Church (7865 Belleville Road, Belleville) invites the public to worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday. For more information, call Reverend Jim Richter at 734-699-5000.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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RHS Boys' X-Country

Mega White Division

- Romulus at Jamboree (Monroe) (Tues., Sept. 13, TBD)
- Romulus at Jamboree (Wyandotte) (Thurs., Sept. 22, TBD)
- Romulus at Jefferson Invitational (Monroe) (Sat., Sept. 24, TBD)
- Romulus at Jamboree (Trenton) (Tues., Oct. 4, TBD)
- Romulus at Jamboree (Ypsilanti) (Thurs., Oct. 20, TBD)

RMS Football

Mega Blue Division

- Highland Park at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Sept. 21, 4 p.m.)
- Best (Dearborn Heights) at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Sept. 28, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Hilbert (Redford) – Mega (Wed., Oct. 5, TBD)
- Romulus at Willow Run – Mega (Wed., Oct. 12, 4 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Oct. 19, 4 p.m.)
- Robichaud (Dearborn Heights) at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Oct. 26, 4 p.m.)

RMS Girls' Basketball

Mega Blue Division – 7th/8th

- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 19, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run (Ypsilanti) at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 21, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Cantrick (Monroe) (Mon., Sept. 26, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti East (Wed., Sept. 28, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Brake (Taylor) (Mon., Oct. 3, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Wed., Oct. 5, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Ypsilanti) (Mon., Oct. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Cantrick (Monroe) at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Mon., Oct. 17, 3:45 p.m.)
- Brake (Taylor) at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 19, 3:45 p.m.)

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RHS Football

Mega Blue Division – Varsity

- Crockett (Detroit) at Romulus (Fri., Aug. 26, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Thurston (Redford) – Mega (Thurs., Sept. 1, 7 p.m.)
- Carlson (Gibraltar) at Romulus – Mega (Fri., Sept. 9, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Crestwood (Dearborn Heights) – Mega (Fri., Sept. 16, 7 p.m.)
- **HOMECOMING**
Garden City at Romulus – Mega (Fri., Sept. 23, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge – Mega (Fri., Sept. 30, 7 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus – Mega (Fri., Oct. 7, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster – Mega (Fri., Oct. 14, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Fri., Oct. 21, 7 p.m.)

Mega Blue Division – JV

- Crockett (Detroit) at Romulus (Thurs., Aug. 25, 7 p.m.)
- Thurston (Redford) at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Aug. 31, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Gibraltar) – Mega (Thurs., Sept. 8, TBD)
- Crestwood (Dearborn Heights) at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Sept. 15, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Garden City – Mega (Thurs., Sept. 22, TBD)
- River Rouge at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Sept. 29, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park – Mega (Thurs., Oct. 6, TBD)
- Inkster at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Oct. 13, 7 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 20, 7 p.m.)

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RHS Boys' Soccer**Mega Blue Division – Varsity**

- Romulus at Kennedy (Taylor) (Mon., Aug. 29, 4 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Aug. 31, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Gibraltar) – Mega (Wed., Sept. 7, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Airport (Carleton) (Fri., Sept. 9, 4:30 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus – Mega (Mon., Sept. 12, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale – Mega (Wed., Sept. 14, TBD)
- Romulus at Thurston (Redford) – Mega (Mon., Sept. 19, TBD)
- Romulus at Henry Ford Academy (Dearborn) (Wed., Sept. 21, 4 p.m.)
- Truman (Taylor) at Romulus – Mega (Mon., Sept. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park – Mega (Wed., Sept. 28, TBD)
- Airport (Carleton) at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Carlson (Gibraltar) at Romulus – Mega (Mon., Oct. 3, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge – Mega (Wed., Oct. 5, TBD)
- Melvindale at Romulus – Mega (Mon., Oct. 10, 4 p.m.)
- Thurston (Redford) at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Oct. 12, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne (Fri., Oct. 14, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Jefferson (Monroe) (Mon., Oct. 17, 4:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Taylor) – Mega (Wed., Oct. 19, 5:30 p.m.)
- Fordson (Dearborn) at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 21, 4 p.m.)



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RHS Golf**Mega Gold Division**

- Romulus at Wayne (Tues., Aug. 23, 2:30 p.m.; results unknown at press time)
- Romulus vs. Truman (@ Taylor Meadows) (Fri., Aug. 26, 3 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus – Mega (Mon., Aug. 29, 3 p.m.)
- Willow Run (Ypsilanti) at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Aug. 31, 3 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti – Mega (Wed., Sept. 7, TBD)
- Fordson (Dearborn) at Romulus – Mega (Mon., Sept. 12, 3 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale – Mega (Wed., Sept. 14, TBD)
- Kennedy (Taylor) at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 16, 3 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Ypsilanti) – Mega (Mon., Sept. 21, TBD)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus – Mega (Mon., Sept. 26, TBD)
- Romulus at Fordson (Dearborn) – Mega (Wed., Sept. 28, TBD)

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Soccer Leaders Kick It Up a Notch

Romulus High School soccer coach Joel Hockin (right) is counting on (from left) seniors Ron Kreutzler and Robert Staffieri, junior Joe Lewis, and sophomore Alfonso Garcia to lead the Eagles this fall.

Golf Team Gets into Swing of Things

Paul Niedermeyer (right), coach of the Romulus High School golf team, played a practice nine with (from left) Carl Roscoe, Matt Wagle, Chad Williams, and Dean Gilbert.

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PEN Center's Summer Camp Exceeds All Expectations



Campers enjoyed working with Step Team director Tanya Pittman (right).

The PEN Enrichment Center's "Back 2 Basics" summer camp was an enormous success, surpassing last year's attendance by a whopping 80%. The camp, which ran from June 27 through August 18, was open to area youth ages 5 to 17.

According to Reverend Arthur Willis, pastor of Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church in Romulus, Back 2 Basics was an eight-week program that combined learning with summer fun. Children spent half of each day participating in projects designed to improve and reinforce academic skills, and the other half enjoying a variety of recreational activities.

Educational tasks included journal writing, reading, and math exercises.

"I wish we could have had 300 kids in this program," said Willis. "The kids in our summer camp will be better prepared to start the coming school year on a positive note."

One mother of a fourth-grade student commented, "My daughter is reading so much better now. I was surprised at how much she improved this summer."

Fun Time activities included plenty of daily exercise in the form of basket-

ball, football, volleyball, and other outdoor fun, as well as field trips to destinations such as the Wayne Aquatic Center and the Detroit Science Center.

The program also offered internships for high-school students, allowing many to gain community-service credit for helping out at the camp.

"Interns enhanced their teamwork and leadership skills, and developed many problem-solving skills that will be useful as they prepare to enter the workforce," said Gina C. Wilson, executive director.

The cost of the PEN's Back 2 Basics program was just \$50 per child.

"We intentionally kept the cost down to allow all kids the ability to participate," Wilson explained. "The balance of the cost was covered through fund-raising, sponsorships, grants, and donations."

"We thank everyone who helped to make this year's program so successful," she added.

To help support next year's camp, send your tax-deductible donation to PEN Enrichment Community Center, 35625 Vinewood, Romulus, MI 48174, or call 734-728-1273 for more info. □



Math Jeopardy winners were (from left) Larry Johnson and Michael Winners; runners-up were Cortez Pittman and Anthony Blansett.

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, senior citizens program coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at Romulus Senior Center, temporarily located at Romulus Progressive Hall, call 734-941-6009.)

Transportation Schedule

The Romulus Senior Center has established a transportation schedule for pickups at both the Romulus Tower and Whispering Willows.

The transportation schedule for the Tower is:

- Hot Lunch at the Center (weekdays at 10:50 a.m.),
- Bunco (Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m.),
- Bingo (Wednesdays at 12:45 p.m.),
- Fun Night (Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m.),
- Game Day (Thursdays at 12:45 p.m.),
- Chiropractor visits to the Center (each second and fourth Monday of the month at 12:45 p.m.), and
- Commodities and Focus: HOPE (third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m.).

The transportation schedule for Whispering Willows is:

- Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m.).

For all other transportation needs, call the Center to make an appointment.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Singing in the Rain** (September 1; \$65);
- **Windsor Raceway** (September 8; \$5);
- **African Lion Safari** (September 24; \$80); and
- **Soaring Eagle Casino** (October 8; \$30).

Regular Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens, including:

- Bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- Bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- Fun Night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.), and
- Game Day (Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m.).

Club One Meets

Club One – a social group for local senior citizens – meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m.

New faces are always welcome!

Red Hat Society Meets

The Romulus Senior Center is now an official member of Red Hat Society Chapter #40741. For more information on how to join the group, please e-mail romulusredhatsociety@yahoo.com or call the Center.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, September 19, beginning at 10 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointments, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Chiropractic Clinics

Dr. Craig Everingham from Everingham Chiropractic will be at the Romulus Senior Center at 1:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month. (Next date: September 12.)

To make your appointment, please call 734-941-5620.

Check Your Blood Pressure

Local senior citizens are invited to stop by the Center between 12 and 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, to have their blood pressure checked by a friendly representative of the Romulus Fire Department.

There is no charge for this service.

Walk for Your Health

Ride the Senior Center's van to Wayne County Community College's Western Campus each Monday and Friday at 12:30 p.m. for an hour of safe indoor walking at your own pace. Sign up at the Center to reserve your seat.

The Center strongly urges anyone considering a change in his/her exercise program to consult a doctor beforehand.

Liquid Nutrition Pickup

Just a reminder that the pickup time for Liquid Nutrition is 9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. (Next date: September 14.)

Commodities Pickup

Again, just a reminder that the pickup time for Commodities and Focus: HOPE is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. (Next date: September 15.) This program is available to low-income individuals/families of all ages. Call the Center for eligibility guidelines.

Hot Lunches

Too hot to cook? Don't forget that the Romulus Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday for only \$1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. ☐

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Obituary

Irene H. Tryon

Irene H. Tryon of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, August 12, 2005, at the age of 89.

The retired bus driver for the Romulus Community Schools was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, December 7, 1915.

Irene is survived by a son, Paul A. (Diane) Tryon (Pinckney, MI); a daughter, Kathryn J. (David) Larimer (Shippenville, PA); a brother, Samuel L. (Jeneese) Vereb (Monroe, MI); 4 grandchildren, Jill Devers, Paul M. Tryon, Michelle Pyrich, and Elizabeth Larimer; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased her were her parents, Paul and Bertha Mercz Vereb; her husband, Jesse L. Tryon (who passed away on March 5, 1993); a brother, Paul Vereb; and 2 sisters, Ethel Vereb and Esther Kurtzhals-Parr.

A funeral service was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Geoffrey Drutchas (St. Paul United Church of Christ, Taylor, MI) officiating. Interment was at West Mound Cemetery (Taylor). Memorial tributes to the St. Paul Church Building Fund would be appreciated. □

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REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 8, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 8, 2005, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryl Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/05/1 Moved by White supported by Kuderik to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

8/05/2 Moved by Buckley supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2005, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Adoption of Board Resolutions

8/05/03 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by White that the Board adopt resolutions of retirement for years of service at the Romulus Community Schools for Rosalie Berlinn, 29 years; Joyce Bujak, 37 years; Mary Ann Bush, 30 years; Vera Fields Otis, 30 years; Marjorie Gail Fraley, 30 years; Gloria Harvey, 23 years; Melvin Kimbrough, 32 years; Donald Kobane, 26 years; Mary Mahon, 28 years; Carol Pastrick, 27 years; Mary Christine Powers, 36 years; Cynthia Price, 30 years; Sharon Silveri, 36 years; Sandra Slater, 28 years; Laura Smith, 30 years; Thomas Tiplady, 36 years; Jean Voight, 26 years; Candace Walters, 35 years; and Phyllis Wilkerson, 28 years. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Kathleen Badalamenti, Second-grade Teacher, Romulus Elementary School, Effective August 29, 2005; and Nakia Plummer, Fifth-grade Teacher, Romulus Elementary School, Effective August 29, 2005.

8/05/4 Moved by Buckley supported by Roscoe to accept the employment of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Susan Hartman, Educational Leave, Eighth-grade Math Teacher, Romulus Middle School, Effective August 29, 2005 through December 16, 2005.

8/05/5 Moved by White supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education approve a Leave of Absence of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

8/05/6 Moved by Buckley supported by Mientkiewicz to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Ms. Lorrie Greer appeared before the Board of Education, requesting further information concerning the millage levy of 21.99 mills. Superintendent Joel R. Carr responded, stating that a communication had been sent addressing her concerns.

Ms. Kim Jones stated that we have more rooftops than students, and therefore taxes are too high. Ms. Jones further asked for a detailed analysis of the taxes, and Superintendent Carr

responded to her concerns.

Ms. Cynthia Harris asked about meeting agendas being on cable, and Mr. Carr responded that a decision would be forthcoming. Ms. Harris additionally asked about changing Board meeting times. Board President April Frayer responded with information about City Council meetings and possible time changes. Ms. Harris further questioned the Superintendent's car and use thereof.

Ms. Sharon Walker asked about residency and a head count of students from Romulus households.

Ms. Linda McNeil asked about nonresident students and requested that they be removed from the district. Superintendent Carr reported that no residency issues have been reported to the Board Office. Mr. Carr further asked that names of alleged nonresident students be reported to the Board Office for investigation.

Ms. Carmelita Brown asked about nonresident students and requested written guidelines for enrolling students.

Mr. Jerome Fatheree requested a line-item budget to check expenditures, recommended a 5-mill tax cut, and suggested where the cuts could possibly be made.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board: 1) Romulus Adult and Community Education communication; 2) Pumpkin Festival communication; 3) Comprehensive School Reform Grant Award; 4) Communication re new teachers from Tom Dolan; 5) Romulus Middle School's Year-end Report; 6) Romulus High School's Year-end Report; and 7) Communication from Stephanie Wagle.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz inquired as to whether anyone is using the tennis courts at night and, if not, why lights have been on at different times.

Mr. Thomas Kuderik asked about the High School auditorium lights and electrical problems being fixed. Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, responded that work is almost completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8/05/7 Moved by White supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and Frayer. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

8/05/8 Moved by White supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and Frayer. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/05/9 Moved by Buckley supported by Kuderik to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

TO THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE IN ROMULUS AND IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES:

We want to thank everyone who has helped our family through our personal tragedy. We are still in awe of the amount of support we've received from friends as well as strangers in light of our recent house fire. On top of knowing that our family was unharmed in the event, the kindness and caring of the people in this and surrounding communities is what lets us know everything will be okay.

We were immediately comforted on the day of the fire by the overwhelming amount of support this community poured out to our family. People instantly offered us clothing and shelter. Others offered courage in assisting with trying to control the fire in its beginning stages. Still others offered their yards and allowed us to use the facilities in their homes. Members of the community as well as strangers continuously came by and dropped off clothing, food, condolences, and help to our family.

We lost everything in the fire, but have been truly blessed by the generosity of the people in our neighborhood. It has helped us to stay grounded and continues to motivate us to pick up the pieces. We appreciate all the words of encouragement that arrive daily in the mail from friends and strangers. We've had to relocate temporarily and we are still confronted with overwhelming support from our new neighbors. People have cooked dinners for us and have donated pieces of furniture.

We truly cannot express in words or gestures just how thankful we are to have been greeted with such care and concern from the community. We are grateful that our family is safe and well, and feel blessed by all the love and compassion that everyone in Romulus has shown us. Our family has been eased through this devastation by your kind actions and emotional support. We are forever grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
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The Stork Arrived

Tyler Joseph Kucharski Cribbs

Kevin Kucharski and Stacey Cribbs of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Tyler Joseph Kucharski Cribbs.

Tyler was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 3:20 a.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2005, weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 23 in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Fred and Roxanne Kucharski, and his maternal grandparents, Charles and Vickie Cribbs (all of Romulus). □



Tyler Cribbs

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Marlon Stokes and Tracie Finley



Marlon Thomas Stokes and Tracie Marie Finley

Congratulations to Marlon Thomas Stokes and Tracie Marie Finley, who plan to be married on Friday, September 9, 2005.

The couple – who have been engaged since February 11, 2005 – will exchange their vows at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (Romulus).

Standing up with Marlon will be groomsmen Dennen Stokes, David Talbert, Armon Arnold, Devan Green, Trey Chapman, and Don'yail Lomax, and junior groomsman Travis Piggee.

Tracie will be attended by bridesmaids Brenda Finley, Makenzie Logan, Jacqui Daneker, Angie Tablert, Cheryl Dimitri, and Sharday Harrington, as well as junior bridesmaid Kayla Finley.

Acting as ringbearer and flower girl will be T.J. Walker and Nadia Finley, respectively.

A reception at Wayne Recreation Center will follow the ceremony.

Marlon is the son of Myron and Deadra Stokes of Pontiac. Tracie is the daughter of Michael and Connie Finley of Romulus. □

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